

MINUTES

MONTANA SENATE 65th LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION

COMMITTEE ON FISH AND GAME

Call to Order: Chair Jennifer Fielder, on February 7, 2017 at 3:00 PM, in Room 422 Capitol

ROLL CALL

Members Present:

Sen. Jennifer Fielder, Chair (R)
Sen. Jedediah Hinkle, Vice Chair (R)
Sen. Jill Cohenour (D)
Sen. Tom Facey (D)
Sen. Steve Hinebaugh (R)
Sen. David Howard (R)
Sen. Edith (Edie) McClafferty (D)
Sen. Mike Phillips (D)
Sen. Cary Smith (R)
Sen. Chas Vincent (R)
Sen. Jeffrey W. Welborn (R)

Members Excused: None

Members Absent: None

Staff Present: Pat Christian, Committee Secretary
Joe Kolman, Legislative Branch

Audio Committees: These minutes are in outline form only. They provide a list of participants and a record of official action taken by the committee. The link to the audio recording of the meeting is available on the Legislative Branch website.

Committee Business Summary:

Hearing & Date Posted: HB 128, 2/2/2017; HB 183, 2/2/2017; HB 240, 2/2/2017; SB 171, 2/2/2017

HEARING ON SB 171

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

00:00:48 Sen. Cary Smith (R), SD 27, opened the hearing on SB 171, Prohibit restriction of certain deer permits.

Proponents' Testimony:

00:01:55 Joe Balyeat, former Senator, hunter
[EXHIBIT\(fis27a01\)](#)

00:06:57 Sen. Howard entered the meeting.

00:09:51 Sen. Welborn entered the meeting.

00:10:59 Sen. Phillips entered the meeting.

00:15:34 Paul Fielder, hunter

Opponents' Testimony:

00:16:42 Quentin Kujala, Wildlife Division administrator, Department of Fish, Wildlife, and Parks (FWP)
[EXHIBIT\(fis27a02\)](#)

00:23:56 Nick Gevock, Montana Wildlife Federation

Informational Testimony: None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

00:24:44 Sen. Vincent
00:25:07 Mr. Balyeat, hunter
00:25:25 Sen. Vincent
00:26:12 Mr. Kujala, FWP
00:27:03 Sen. Vincent
00:28:10 Mr. Kujala
00:28:52 Sen. Vincent
00:29:05 Mr. Kujala
00:29:35 Sen. Vincent
00:30:06 Mr. Kujala
00:30:18 Sen. Facey
00:30:31 Mr. Balyeat
00:30:56 Sen. Facey
00:31:25 Mr. Balyeat
00:32:23 Sen. Facey
00:32:42 Mr. Balyeat
00:33:35 Sen. Facey
00:34:05 Mr. Kujala

00:34:49 Sen. Facey
00:35:03 Mr. Kujala
00:35:46 Sen. McClafferty
00:36:09 Mr. Kujala
00:36:44 Sen. Hinkle
00:37:31 Mr. Kujala
00:38:25 Sen. Hinkle
00:38:48 Mr. Kujala
00:39:31 Chair Fielder
00:39:49 Mr. Gevock, MWF
00:40:48 Chair Fielder
00:41:05 Mr. Balyeat

Closing by Sponsor:

00:43:46 Sen. Smith

HEARING ON HB 240

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

00:47:36 Rep. Kerry White (R), HD 64, opened the hearing on HB 240, Clarify allowed use of groomed snowmobile trails with snowmobile trail pass.

[EXHIBIT\(fis27a03\)](#)

Proponents' Testimony:

00:55:12 Ronna Alexander, Montana Snowmobile Association
00:56:50 Jean Johnson, Montana Outfitters and Guides Association
00:57:08 Wilson Ilgenfritz, Citizens for Balanced Use

Opponents' Testimony: None

Informational Testimony:

00:57:51 Tom Reilly, State Park Division assistant administrator, Department of Fish, Wildlife, and Parks

Questions from Committee Members and Responses: None

Closing by Sponsor:

00:58:25 Rep. White

HEARING ON HB 183

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

00:59:06 Rep. Kelly Flynn (R), HD 70, opened the hearing on HB 183, Remove termination date on outfitter assistant laws.

01:00:37 Sen. Cohenour left the meeting.

Proponents' Testimony:

01:02:09 Jean Johnson, Montana Outfitters and Guides Association

Opponents' Testimony: None

Informational Testimony: None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses: None

Closing by Sponsor:

01:04:10 Rep. Kelly

HEARING ON HB 128

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

01:04:43 Rep. Ray Shaw (R), HD 71, opened the hearing on HB 128, Revise waiting period for bighorn sheep licenses.

Proponents' Testimony:

01:06:27 Quentin Kujala, Wildlife Division administrator, Department of Fish, Wildlife, and Parks (FWP)

[EXHIBIT\(fis27a04\)](#)

01:07:13 Nick Gevock, Montana Wildlife Federation

01:07:35 Jean Johnson, Montana Outfitters and Guides Association

Opponents' Testimony: None

Informational Testimony: None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

01:08:03 Chair Fielder
01:08:37 Mr. Kujala, FWP
01:08:40 Chair Fielder
01:08:52 Mr. Kujala
01:08:55 Chair Fielder
01:08:57 Mr. Kujala
01:09:34 Chair Fielder
01:09:43 Mr. Kujala
01:10:25 Chair Fielder
01:10:43 Mr. Kujala
01:11:46 Chair Fielder
01:11:57 Sen. Vincent

01:12:07 Chair Fielder
01:12:10 Mr. Kujala
01:13:00 Chair Fielder
01:13:33 Rep. Shaw
01:13:54 Chair Fielder
01:14:01 Mr. Kujala
01:14:45 Chair Fielder

Closing by Sponsor:

01:14:57 Rep. Shaw

ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment: 4:18 PM

Pat Christian, Secretary

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Additional Documents:

EXHIBIT([fis27aad.pdf](#))